

Comparison between TeV and non-TeV BL Lac Objects

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Abstract BL Lacertae objects (BL Lacs) is the dominant population of TeV emitting blazars. In this work, we investigate whether there is any special observational properties for TeV sources. To do so, we will compare the observational properties of TeV detected BL Lacs (TeV BLs) and non-TeV detected BL Lac objects (non-TeV BLs). From the 3rd *Fermi*/LAT catalog (3FGL), we can get 662 BL Lacs, out of which, 47 are TeV BLs and 615 are non-TeV BLs. Their multi-wavelength flux densities (F_R , F_O , F_X , F_γ), photon spectral indexes (α_X^{ph} , $\alpha_\gamma^{\text{ph}}$), and effective spectral indexes (α_{RO} and α_{OX}) are compiled from the available literatures. Then the luminosities ($\log \nu L_R$, $\log \nu L_O$, $\log \nu L_X$, $\log \nu L_\gamma$) are calculated. From comparisons, we found that TeV BLs are different from low-synchrotron-peaked BLs (LSP) and intermediate-synchrotron-peaked BLs (ISP), but TeV BLs show similar properties as high-synchrotron-peaked BLs (HSP). Therefore, we concentrated on comparison between TeV HSP BLs and non-TeV HSP BLs. Analysis results suggest that TeV HSP BLs and non-TeV HSP BLs show some differences in their α_{RO} and $\alpha_\gamma^{\text{ph}}$, while their other properties are quite similar.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Blazars are a subclass of active galactic nuclei (AGNs). They have high and variable polarization, large and rapid variation, superluminal motions, and high energetic GeV (even TeV) γ -ray emissions, etc (Wills et al. 1992; Zhang & Fan 2008; Gupta et al. 2008; Romero et al. 2002; Abdo et al. 2010a; Basteri et al. 2011; Fan et al. 2013a, 2014; Ackermann et al. 2015). Blazars can be divided into two subclasses, namely, flat spectrum radio quasars (FSRQs) and BL Lacertae objects (BL Lacs). BL Lacertae objects show no (or very weak) emission line features while FSRQs display strong emission lines. However, BL Lacs and FSRQs show quite similar continuum emission properties. BL Lacs can be divided into radio selected BL Lacertae objects (RBLs) and X-ray selected BL Lacertae objects (XBLs) from surveys or low synchrotron peaked (LSP, $\nu_{\text{peak}}^s < 10^{14}$ Hz), intermediate synchrotron peaked (ISP, 10^{14} Hz $< \nu_{\text{peak}}^s < 10^{15}$ Hz), and high synchrotron peaked (HSP, $\nu_{\text{peak}}^s > 10^{15}$ Hz) BL Lacs from the term by Abdo et al. (2010b) (also see Fan et al. 2014, 2016; Ackermann et al. 2015). In 2015, we set different boundaries: LSP ($\nu_{\text{peak}}^s < 10^{14}$ Hz), ISP (10^{14} Hz $< \nu_{\text{peak}}^s < 10^{16}$ Hz), and HSP ($\nu_{\text{peak}}^s > 10^{16}$ Hz) (Fan et al. 2015). Thanks to the work of the Energetic Gamma Ray Experiment Telescope (EGRET), the γ -ray astronomy has made great strides forward. As the second generation of γ -ray detector, *Fermi*/LAT satellite was launched on June 11, 2008, which detected many blazars at γ -ray energies (Abdo et al. 2010a; Nolan et al. 2012; Lott et al. 2014; Acero et al. 2015; Ackermann et al. 2015). The 3rd *Fermi* Large Area Telescope source catalog (3FGL) includes 3033 sources in the

100 MeV–300 GeV ranges, such a large sample of sources gives us a nice opportunity to analyze the nature for γ -ray emissions in blazars.

High energetic emissions as high as TeV are also detected from some blazars, and most of them have also been detected by *Fermi*/LAT (Ackermann et al. 2015). From TeVCat ¹, we found that there are 176 sources detected in TeV energy range until March, 2016. These sources include TeV catalogs which called Default Catalog and Newly Announced. The energy threshold for the TeVCat sources is not uniform, but the energy is typically greater than 100 GeV (Acero et al. 2015). The known extragalactic TeV sources are mainly BL Lacs, but we want to know what kind of BL Lacs to be TeV emitters? So we compared the known TeV BLs with BL Lacs detected in *Fermi*/LAT.

In this work, we compiled BL Lacs from 3FGL and then compared their observational properties between TeV BL Lacs and non-TeV BL Lacs, and try to see whether there is any difference between them. In section 2, we will give a sample, in section 3, we show some results, and in section 4, we will give some discussions and conclusions.

2 SAMPLE

Based on the 3FGL (Acero et al. 2015), the third catalog of AGNs detected by the *Fermi*-LAT (3LAC) is presented (Ackermann et al. 2015). 3LAC not only presents the γ -ray data of AGNs detected by *Fermi*-LAT during the first 4 years, but also collects the fluxes at different bands (radio, optical, and X-ray) and some other data. From 3LAC, we can get 662 Fermi BL Lacs, and their redshift, SED classifications (based on the synchrotron peak frequency), radio flux (F_R) at 1.4 GHz, SDSS V band magnitude (m_V), X-ray flux (F_X) at 0.1–2.4 keV, γ -ray flux (F_γ) at 1–100 GeV, γ -ray power-law photon index ($\alpha_\gamma^{\text{ph}}$) and the effective spectral indexes (α_{RO} and α_{OX}) for BL Lacs are from the 3LAC Website version². For some sources in 3LAC, if there are not available data in 3LAC Website, we have looked for them in the NASA/IPAC Extragalactic Database (NED)³. For optical data, if V band magnitude is not available in 3LAC and NED, we use R band magnitude from NED and $\alpha_O = 1.0$ to estimate it. For the 662 Fermi BL Lacs, 332 BL Lacs have available SDSS V band magnitude from 3LAC, and 24/60 BL Lacs have available V/R-band magnitude from NED. For X-ray data, if X-ray flux is not available in 3LAC, we compiled the data from the BZCAT version 5.0.0⁴ (Massaro et al. 2015) and NED (April, 2015), and the corresponding X-ray photon indexes (α_X^{ph}) are from the corresponding references.

Combining the 662 Fermi BL Lacs and the TeV sources listed in Table 13 of a paper by Ackermann et al. (2015), we can get a sample of 47 BL Lacs with both TeV and GeV emissions, which are listed in Table 1. Since the TeV sample of Ackermann et al. (2015) is from TeVCat, so the TeV sources in this work are the ones detected in the range of $E \geq 100$ GeV. For the remaining 615 Fermi BL Lacs that have no TeV emissions, we did not list their data in the present work.

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⁴ <http://www.asdc.asi.it/bzcat>

Table 1. TeV sample of the BL Lacs.

3FGL Name	z	SED	$\log \nu_p^s$	α_γ^{ph}	F_X	Ref ₁	α_{RO}	α_{OX}	TeV	α_X^{ph}	Ref ₂	$\log \nu L_R$	$\log \nu L_O$	$\log \nu L_X$	$\log \nu L_\gamma$	Other name
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
3FGL J0013.9-1853	0.094	HSP	16.76	1.94	12.60	LAC	-0.01	1.58	T			39.89		43.79	42.89	RBS 0030
3FGL J0033.6-1921	0.610	HSP	16.13	1.71	14.90	LAC	0.20	1.03	T			41.38		45.78	45.71	KUV 00311-1938
3FGL J0035.9+5949		HSP	17.12	1.90	31.80	LAC			T	1.42	G02	42.03	45.84	45.90	45.48	1ES 0033+595
3FGL J0136.5+3905		HSP	16.20	1.70	23.30	LAC	0.29	1.04	T	2.16	B97b	41.64		45.71	45.67	B3 0133+388
3FGL J0152.6+0148	0.080	HSP	15.46	1.89	6.07	LAC	0.20	1.45	T	2.48	B97b	40.07	44.78	43.27	43.24	PMN J0152+0146
3FGL J0222.6+4301	0.444	HSP	15.09	1.94	6.39	LAC	0.40	1.49	T	2.20	G02	43.18	46.23	45.10	46.31	3C 66A
3FGL J0232.8+2016	0.139	HSP	15.48	2.03	15.70	LAC	0.23	1.22	T	1.99	D05	40.69	45.00	44.37	43.53	1ES 0229+200
3FGL J0303.4-2407	0.260	HSP	15.43	1.92	10.20	LAC	0.45	1.20	T	2.68	F12	42.18		44.57	45.24	PKS 0301-243
3FGL J0319.8+1847	0.190	HSP	16.99	1.57	27.00	LAC	0.30	0.80	T	1.50	G02	40.41	44.59	44.98	43.85	RBS 0413
3FGL J0349.2-1158	0.185	HSP	18.29	1.73	30.90	LAC	0.23	0.83	T	2.03	D05	40.42	44.54	44.93	43.61	1ES 0347-121
3FGL J0416.8+0104	0.287	HSP	16.64	1.75	73.20	LAC	0.33	0.82	T	2.80	R00	41.50	45.27	45.48	44.33	1ES 0414+009
3FGL J0449.4-4350	0.205	HSP	15.67	1.85	14.30	LAC	0.38	1.19	T			41.70		44.60	45.24	PKS 0447-439
3FGL J0508.0+6736	0.340	HSP	17.75	1.52	35.90	LAC	0.30	0.82	T	2.31	G02	41.00		45.53	44.93	1ES 0502+675
3FGL J0521.7+2113	0.108	ISP	14.38	1.92	6.02	LAC			T	1.21	B97b	41.27		43.82	44.54	TXS 0518+211
3FGL J0550.6-3217	0.069			1.61	51.20	LAC	0.11	1.46	T	2.28	D05	40.68	44.16	44.14	42.58	PKS 0548-322
3FGL J0648.8+1516	0.179	HSP	15.92	1.83	38.10	LAC			T			40.81		44.89	44.25	1ES 0648.7+1516
3FGL J0650.7+2503	0.203	HSP	16.42	1.72	42.30	LAC	0.28	1.02	T	2.47	F12	41.09		45.02	44.52	1ES 0647+250
3FGL J0710.3+5908	0.125	HSP	16.99	1.66	32.50	LAC	0.19	1.14	T	2.15	F12	40.88		44.54	43.51	1H 0658+595
3FGL J0721.9+7120	0.127	LSP	13.99	2.04	4.91	LAC	0.43	1.50	T	2.10	R00	41.55	45.38	43.75	45.15	S5 0716+71
3FGL J0809.8+5218	0.138	HSP	15.86	1.88	17.80	LAC	0.33	1.21	T	3.00	R00	41.02	45.05	44.00	44.52	1ES 0806+524
3FGL J0847.1+1134	0.199	HSP	15.95	1.74	23.80	LAC	0.36	0.80	T	2.50	B97b	40.61	44.62	44.74	43.87	1ES 0847.1+1133
3FGL J1010.2-3120	0.143	HSP	16.31	1.58	28.30	LAC	0.14	1.31	T			40.67		44.54	43.71	1ES 1010.2-3120
3FGL J1015.0+4925	0.212	HSP	15.63	1.83	19.80	LAC	0.39	1.16	T	2.48	F12	41.73	45.33	44.73	45.12	1H 1013+498
3FGL J1103.5-2329	0.186	HSP	17.19	1.64	50.90	LAC	0.32	0.88	T	2.25	G02	41.11		45.09	43.68	1ES 1101-232
3FGL J1104.4+3812	0.031	HSP	17.07	1.77	678.00	LAC	0.29	0.92	T	2.82	F12	40.33	44.60	44.28	43.96	Mkn 421
3FGL J1136.6+7009	0.045	HSP	15.77	1.82	56.70	LAC	0.02	1.70	T	2.20	R00	40.28	43.94	43.83	42.94	Mkn 180
3FGL J1217.8+3007	0.130	HSP	15.26	1.97	86.40	LAC	0.42	0.94	T	2.47	B00	41.47	44.99	44.89	44.60	1ES 1215+303
3FGL J1221.3+3010	0.182	HSP	16.66	1.66	31.60	LAC	0.30	0.98	T	2.10	B00	40.86	44.99	44.91	44.58	PG 1218+304
3FGL J1221.4+2814	0.103	ISP	14.42	2.10	2.29	LAC	0.47	1.58	T	2.10	R00	41.37	44.89	43.23	44.24	W Comae
3FGL J1224.5+2436	0.218	HSP	15.39	1.89	2.75	LAC	0.29	1.27	T	2.22	B00	40.59	44.88	43.99	44.14	MS 1221.8+2452

Table 1. Continue.

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3FGL Name	z	SED	$\log \nu_p^s$	α_X^{ph}	F_X	Ref ₁	α_{RO}	α_{OX}	TeV	α_X^{ph}	Ref ₂	$\log \nu L_R$	$\log \nu L_O$	$\log \nu L_X$	$\log \nu L_\gamma$	Other name
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
3FGL J1427.0+2347		HSP	15.34	1.82	6.94	LAC	0.32	1.51	T	2.54	B00	42.49	46.57	45.08	46.16	PKS 1424+240
3FGL J1428.5+4240	0.129	HSP	17.28	1.57	52.50	LAC	0.28	0.87	T	1.92	F12	40.47	44.69	44.85	43.53	H 1426+428
3FGL J1442.8+1200	0.163	HSP	16.35	1.80	13.80	LAC	0.37	0.93	T	2.20	F12	40.75	44.60	44.41	43.74	1ES 1440+122
3FGL J1517.6-2422	0.048	ISP	14.19	2.11	2.92	LAC	0.20	2.18	T	2.36	F12	41.14	44.38	42.54	43.64	AP Librae
3FGL J1555.7+1111	0.360	HSP	15.47	1.68	38.60	LAC	0.31	1.30	T	2.50	R00	42.12	46.48	45.57	45.84	PG 1553+113
3FGL J1653.9+3945	0.034	HSP	16.12	1.72	65.10	LAC	0.40	1.20	T	2.36	F12	40.72	44.57	43.57	43.54	Mkn 501
3FGL J1725.0+1152	0.018	HSP	16.01	1.89	32.00	LAC	0.29	1.16	T	2.65	F12	39.05	43.62	42.56	42.57	1H 1720+117
3FGL J1728.3+5013	0.055	HSP	16.00	1.96	39.60	LAC	0.20	1.30	T	2.39	F12	40.25	43.77	43.78	43.06	I Zw 187
3FGL J1743.9+1934	0.084	HSP	15.76	1.78	11.80	LAC	0.08	1.88	T	1.98	B97b	40.81		43.78	43.18	S3 1741+19
3FGL J2000.0+6509	0.047	HSP	16.86	1.88	114.00	LAC	0.07	1.46	T	2.68	F12	40.20	45.05	43.96	43.64	1ES 1959+650
3FGL J2001.1+4352		HSP	15.21	1.97	1.00	BZC			T			41.87		44.30	45.99	MG4 J200112+4352
3FGL J2009.3-4849	0.071	HSP	16.29	1.77	80.80	LAC	0.19	1.56	T	2.05	G02	41.28	45.07	44.44	43.77	PKS 2005-489
3FGL J2158.8-3013	0.116	HSP	15.97	1.83	572.00	LAC	0.20	1.01	T	2.57	G02	41.30	45.76	45.56	45.02	PKS 2155-304
3FGL J2202.7+4217	0.069	LSP	13.61	2.25	7.42	LAC	0.43	1.70	T	2.63	G02	41.93	44.64	43.15	44.48	BL Lacertae
3FGL J2250.1+3825	0.119			1.91	7.93	LAC	0.20	1.51	T	2.51	B97b	40.65		43.75	43.77	B3 2247+381
3FGL J2347.0+5142	0.044	HSP	15.87	1.78	29.70	LAC			T	2.13	F14	40.15	43.95	43.55	43.18	1ES 2344+514
3FGL J2359.3-3038	0.165	HSP	17.52	2.02	65.00	LAC	0.35	0.65	T	1.82	F12	40.73	44.10	45.19	43.83	1H 2356-309

Note to the Table: Col. (1) gives a 3FGL name, Col. (2) redshift, Col. (3) SED classification, Col. (4) synchrotron peak frequency ($\log \nu_p^s$) in the unit of Hz from 3LAC, the $\log \nu_p^s$ are already corrected by redshift in 3LAC. Col. (5) γ -ray photon index, Col. (6) and (7) X-ray flux in units of 10^{-12} erg/cm²/s at 0.1–2.4 keV and the corresponding references, Col. (8) and (9) effective spectral indexes (α_{RO} and α_{OX}), Col. (10) ‘T’ stands for TeV sources, Col. (11) and (12) X-ray photon index and the corresponding references, Col. (13), (14), (15) and (16) give radio, optical, X-ray at 1 keV, and γ -ray (at 2 GeV) luminosities ($\log \nu L_\nu$) in units of erg/s, Col. (17) other names. Here A09: Ajello et al. (2009); B00: Brinkmann et al. (2000); B97a: Brinkmann et al. (1997a); B97b: Brinkmann et al. (1997b); BZC: Massaro et al. (2015); D05: Donato et al. (2005); F12: Fan et al. (2012); F13: Fan et al. (2013a); G09: Green et al. (2009); LAC: Ackermann et al. (2015); L96: Lamer et al. (1996); L99: Laurent et al. (1999); NED: the NASA/IPAC Extragalactic Database (<http://ned.ipac.caltech.edu/>); R00: Reich et al. (2000)

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3 RESULTS

In this work, luminosity is calculated using $\nu L_\nu = 4\pi d_L^2 \nu F_\nu$, where d_L is the luminosity distance. The Cosmology Calculator ⁵ from NED is used to calculate the luminosity distance (Wright 2006), here we adopt $H_0 = 73$ km/s/Mpc, $\Omega_M = 0.27$, $\Omega_{\text{vac}} = 0.73$. All the fluxes are K-corrected, the flux in the source rest frame is $F_\nu^{\text{res}} = F_\nu^{\text{obs}}(1+z)^{\alpha-1}$, α ($F_\nu \propto \nu^{-\alpha}$) is the energy spectral index (Kapanadze 2013). $\alpha_R = 0.0$ and $\alpha_O = 1.0$ are adopted for radio and optical bands, $\alpha_X = \alpha_X^{\text{ph}} - 1$, $\alpha_\gamma = \alpha_\gamma^{\text{ph}} - 1$. Most of the X-ray spectral indexes are given for 0.1–2.4 keV. If there is no spectral index information in the 0.1–2.4 keV band, and there is a spectral index in hard X-ray band, then we use the spectral index in the hard X-ray band instead. If redshift and X-ray photon index are unknown, then averaged values, $\langle z \rangle = 0.463$ and $\langle \alpha_X^{\text{ph}} \rangle = 2.35$ are adopted. For optical V-band luminosity calculation, V band magnitude (m_V) is transferred into flux density (F_V) using $m_V = 16.40 - 2.5 \log F_V$, where F_V is the flux density in units of mJy (Kapanadze 2013). All the V band magnitudes are corrected by Galactic Extinction from NED.

For the 662 BL Lacs in 3LAC, there are 286 HSP, 185 ISP, 168 LSP, and 23 for unknown SED type. Out of the 662 BL Lacs, there are 47 TeV BL Lacs (including 40 HSP, 3 ISP, 2 LSP, 2 unknown SED type). For the TeV BLs and non-TeV BLs, we made some comparisons for z , α_X^{ph} , $\alpha_\gamma^{\text{ph}}$, $\log \nu L_R$, $\log \nu L_O$, $\log \nu L_X$, $\log \nu L_\gamma$, α_{RO} , and α_{OX} as follows.

3.1 Averaged Values

For the whole sample, the redshift is in a range of $0.002 \leq z \leq 2.471$; X-ray and γ -ray photon spectral indexes are $1.03 \leq \alpha_X^{\text{ph}} \leq 4.28$ and $1.26 \leq \alpha_\gamma^{\text{ph}} \leq 2.81$; radio, optical, X-ray and γ -ray luminosities are in the ranges: $36.30 \text{ erg/s} \leq \log \nu L_R \leq 44.10 \text{ erg/s}$, $40.29 \text{ erg/s} \leq \log \nu L_O \leq 47.03 \text{ erg/s}$, $39.45 \text{ erg/s} \leq \log \nu L_X \leq 46.45 \text{ erg/s}$, and $39.24 \text{ erg/s} \leq \log \nu L_\gamma \leq 47.33 \text{ erg/s}$; effective spectral indexes satisfy $-0.13 \leq \alpha_{RO} \leq 0.96$, and $0.43 \leq \alpha_{OX} \leq 2.52$. The corresponding averaged values are listed in Table 2. And the corresponding Kolmogorov-Smirnov (K-S) test results are listed in Table 3, in which, Col. (1) gives two tested samples, Col. (2) tested parameter, Col. (3) number of two samples, Col. (4) averaged values and standard deviation, Col. (5) K-S statistics d_{max} , Col. (6) two-tailed significance probability p . The sample with “*” is only for the sources with available redshift, p is the probability for the two distributions to come from the same distribution. The corresponding histograms and cumulative distributions are shown in Figs. 1–9.

From Tables 2 and 3, and the corresponding Figures 1–9, we can see that, for redshift, TeV BLs are clearly different from non-TeV BLs, HSP BLs and ISP+LSP BLs with probabilities for the corresponding two groups to come from the same distribution being $p < 10^{-5}$, suggesting that the redshift of TeV BLs is lower than those of the rest groups; For X-ray photon index, TeV BLs are not different from non-TeV BLs, HSP BLs or ISP+LSP BLs; For γ -ray photon index and radio luminosity, TeV BLs are clearly different from non-TeV BLs and ISP+LSP BLs, but not different from HSP BLs; For optical luminosity, TeV BLs are marginally different from non-TeV and ISP+LSP BLs, but not different from HSP BLs; For X-ray luminosity and effective optical-X-ray spectral index, there is no much difference between TeV and non-TeV BLs or HSP BLs, but TeV BLs are different from ISP+LSP BLs; For γ -ray luminosity and effective radio-optical spectral index, TeV BLs are clearly different from non-TeV BLs and ISP+LSP BLs, but only marginally different from HSP BLs.

3.2 Correlations between γ -ray and other bands

Now we adopted a linear regression analysis to fluxes and luminosities to investigate the correlation between γ -ray and other bands. For luminosity-luminosity correlations, we only considered the sources with available redshift, and obtained

⁵ <http://www.astro.ucla.edu/~wright/CosmoCalc.html>

$\log \nu L_\gamma = (1.052 \pm 0.099) \log \nu L_R + (1.087 \pm 4.041)$ for 36 TeV HSP BLs with a correlation coefficient $r = 0.877$ and a chance probability of $p = 2.31 \times 10^{-12}$, and

$\log \nu L_\gamma = (0.981 \pm 0.047) \log \nu L_R + (3.963 \pm 1.913)$ for 157 non-TeV HSP BLs with $r = 0.861$ and $p = 2.85 \times 10^{-47}$;

$\log \nu L_\gamma = (1.152 \pm 0.117) \log \nu L_O - (7.611 \pm 5.242)$ for 25 TeV HSP BLs with $r = 0.899$ and $p = 1.02 \times 10^{-9}$, and

$\log \nu L_\gamma = (1.069 \pm 0.059) \log \nu L_O - (3.926 \pm 2.659)$ for 95 non-TeV HSP BLs with $r = 0.883$ and $p = 2.89 \times 10^{-32}$;

$\log \nu L_\gamma = (0.869 \pm 0.149) \log \nu L_X + (5.375 \pm 6.633)$ for 36 TeV HSP BLs with $r = 0.707$ and $p = 1.40 \times 10^{-6}$, and

$\log \nu L_\gamma = (0.756 \pm 0.048) \log \nu L_X + (10.638 \pm 2.143)$ for 151 non-TeV BLs with $r = 0.788$ and $p = 2.95 \times 10^{-33}$.

The flux densities in unit of mJy are calculated in radio at 1.4 GHz, optical at V-band, X-ray at 1 keV, and γ -ray band at 2 GeV. For flux-flux correlations, we have

$\log F_\gamma = (0.752 \pm 0.126) \log F_R - (10.794 \pm 0.280)$ for 40 TeV HSP BLs with a correlation $r = 0.696$ and a chance probability of $p = 6.00 \times 10^{-7}$, and $\log F_\gamma = (0.299 \pm 0.045) \log F_R - (10.250 \pm 0.076)$ for 246 non-TeV HSP BLs with $r = 0.389$ and $p = 2.66 \times 10^{-10}$;

$\log F_\gamma = (0.798 \pm 0.113) \log F_O - (9.590 \pm 0.109)$ for 27 TeV HSP BLs with $r = 0.769$ and $p = 2.76 \times 10^{-6}$, and $\log F_\gamma = (0.318 \pm 0.066) \log F_O - (9.780 \pm 0.030)$ for 131 non-TeV HSP BLs with $r = 0.392$ and $p = 3.73 \times 10^{-6}$;

$\log F_\gamma = (0.073 \pm 0.184) \log F_X - (8.982 \pm 0.480)$ for 40 TeV HSP BLs with $r = 0.064$ and $p = 69.3\%$, and $\log F_\gamma = (0.054 \pm 0.039) \log F_X - (9.585 \pm 0.136)$ for 237 non-TeV BLs with $r = 0.089$ and $p = 17.4\%$.

$\log F_O = (0.744 \pm 0.147) \log F_R - (1.076 \pm 0.340)$ for 27 TeV HSP BLs with $r = 0.711$ and of $p = 3.19 \times 10^{-5}$, and $\log F_O = (0.557 \pm 0.071) \log F_R - (1.047 \pm 0.116)$ for 131 non-TeV BLs with $r = 0.567$ and $p = 1.58 \times 10^{-12}$.

All the results are listed in Table 4 and shown in Figs. 10–11.

Table 2. Averaged values of Fermi BL Lacs.

(1)	(2)	All (3)	TeV (4)	non-TeV (5)	HSP (6)	ISP+LSP (7)	TeV HSP (8)	non-TeV HSP (9)	Figure (10)
Redshift	Average Number	0.463 ± 0.418 403	0.157 ± 0.116 43	0.500 ± 0.426 360	0.336 ± 0.322 193	0.596 ± 0.467 197	0.170 ± 0.123 36	0.347 ± 0.341 157	Fig. 1
α_X^{ph}	Average Number	2.352 ± 0.534 206	2.273 ± 0.369 41	2.371 ± 0.567 165	2.336 ± 0.447 116	2.337 ± 0.644 85	2.295 ± 0.350 34	2.353 ± 0.483 82	Fig. 2
$\alpha_\gamma^{\text{ph}}$	Average Number	2.023 ± 0.246 662	1.827 ± 0.156 47	2.038 ± 0.246 615	1.875 ± 0.200 286	2.143 ± 0.206 353	1.798 ± 0.129 40	1.888 ± 0.207 246	Fig. 3
$\log \nu L_R$	Average Number	41.599 ± 0.912 662	41.028 ± 0.750 47	41.643 ± 0.909 615	41.119 ± 0.753 286	42.024 ± 0.828 353	40.993 ± 0.789 40	41.139 ± 0.746 246	Fig. 4
$\log \nu L_R^*$	Average Number						40.881 ± 0.743 36	40.002 ± 0.850 157	Fig. 4
$\log \nu L_O$	Average Number	45.213 ± 0.735 416	44.885 ± 0.724 32	45.240 ± 0.730 384	45.083 ± 0.725 158	45.316 ± 0.735 248	44.922 ± 0.763 27	45.116 ± 0.715 131	Fig. 5
$\log \nu L_O^*$	Average Number						44.819 ± 0.686 25	45.042 ± 0.793 95	Fig. 5
$\log \nu L_X$	Average Number	44.325 ± 0.865 530	44.435 ± 0.821 47	44.314 ± 0.869 483	44.529 ± 0.876 277	44.065 ± 0.791 235	44.602 ± 0.748 40	44.517 ± 0.897 237	Fig. 6
$\log \nu L_X^*$	Average Number						44.530 ± 0.725 36	44.341 ± 0.997 151	Fig. 6
$\log \nu L_\gamma$	Average Number	44.712 ± 0.906 662	44.232 ± 0.970 47	44.749 ± 0.892 615	44.400 ± 0.881 286	44.988 ± 0.840 353	44.262 ± 0.999 40	44.423 ± 0.860 246	Fig. 7
$\log \nu L_\gamma^*$	Average Number						44.088 ± 0.891 36	44.190 ± 0.969 157	Fig. 7
α_{RO}	Average Number	0.425 ± 0.161 616	0.275 ± 0.116 42	0.436 ± 0.159 574	0.328 ± 0.100 272	0.511 ± 0.156 326	0.269 ± 0.111 36	0.337 ± 0.096 236	Fig. 8
α_{OX}	Average Number	1.275 ± 0.309 519	1.227 ± 0.333 42	1.280 ± 0.307 477	1.154 ± 0.293 268	1.426 ± 0.255 236	1.156 ± 0.289 36	1.154 ± 0.295 232	Fig. 9

Note to the Table: Col. (1) gives parameter, Col. (2) averaged value row or number row of the sample, Col. (3) all sample, Col. (4) TeV BLs, Col. (5) non-TeV BLs, Col. (6) HSP BLs, Col. (7) ISP+LSP BLs, Col. (8) TeV HSP BLs, Col. (9) non-TeV HSP BLs, Col. (10) the corresponding Figure number. For luminosities of HSP BLs, the samples with available redshift are marked by “*”. The luminosities are in unit of erg/s.

Table 3. The results of the two samples K-S test.

samples	parameter	N	averaged	d_{\max}	p
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
TeV / non-TeV	z	43 / 360	0.157 \pm 0.116 / 0.500 \pm 0.426	0.613	$< 10^{-13}$
TeV / HSP		43 / 193	0.157 \pm 0.116 / 0.336 \pm 0.322	0.436	$< 10^{-5}$
TeV / ISP+LSP		43 / 197	0.157 \pm 0.116 / 0.596 \pm 0.467	0.662	$< 10^{-14}$
TeV HSP / non-TeV HSP		36 / 157	0.170 \pm 0.123 / 0.374 \pm 0.341	0.502	$< 10^{-6}$
TeV / non-TeV	α_X^{ph}	41 / 165	2.273 \pm 0.369 / 2.371 \pm 0.567	0.187	14.82%
TeV / HSP		41 / 116	2.273 \pm 0.369 / 2.336 \pm 0.447	0.097	87.17%
TeV / ISP+LSP		41 / 85	2.273 \pm 0.369 / 2.377 \pm 0.644	0.233	7.06%
TeV HSP / non-TeV HSP		34 / 82	2.295 \pm 0.350 / 2.353 \pm 0.483	0.131	70.56%
TeV / non-TeV	α_γ^{ph}	47 / 615	1.827 \pm 0.156 / 2.038 \pm 0.246	0.471	$< 10^{-8}$
TeV / HSP		47 / 286	1.827 \pm 0.156 / 1.875 \pm 0.200	0.137	32.68%
TeV / ISP+LSP		47 / 353	1.827 \pm 0.156 / 2.143 \pm 0.206	0.691	$< 10^{-19}$
TeV HSP / non-TeV HSP		40 / 246	1.798 \pm 0.129 / 1.888 \pm 0.207	0.243	2.08%
TeV / non-TeV	$\log \nu L_R$	47 / 615	41.028 \pm 0.750 / 41.643 \pm 0.909	0.342	$< 10^{-4}$
TeV / HSP		47 / 286	41.028 \pm 0.750 / 41.119 \pm 0.753	0.161	20.19%
TeV / ISP+LSP		47 / 353	41.028 \pm 0.750 / 42.024 \pm 0.828	0.528	$< 10^{-10}$
TeV HSP / non-TeV HSP		40 / 246	40.993 \pm 0.789 / 41.139 \pm 0.746	0.233	3.67%
TeV HSP* / non-TeV HSP*		36 / 157	40.881 \pm 0.743 / 40.002 \pm 0.850	0.191	19.96%
TeV / non-TeV	$\log \nu L_O$	32 / 384	44.885 \pm 0.724 / 45.240 \pm 0.730	0.302	0.64%
TeV / HSP		32 / 158	44.885 \pm 0.724 / 45.083 \pm 0.725	0.247	5.79%
TeV / ISP+LSP		32 / 248	44.885 \pm 0.724 / 45.316 \pm 0.735	0.364	0.06%
TeV HSP / non-TeV HSP		27 / 131	44.922 \pm 0.763 / 45.116 \pm 0.715	0.269	5.85%
TeV HSP* / non-TeV HSP*		25 / 95	44.819 \pm 0.686 / 45.042 \pm 0.793	0.257	11.00%
TeV / non-TeV	$\log \nu L_X$	47 / 483	44.435 \pm 0.821 / 44.314 \pm 0.869	0.106	65.78%
TeV / HSP		47 / 277	44.435 \pm 0.821 / 44.529 \pm 0.876	0.105	69.09%
TeV / ISP+LSP		47 / 235	44.435 \pm 0.821 / 44.065 \pm 0.791	0.260	0.78%
TeV HSP / non-TeV HSP		40 / 237	44.602 \pm 0.748 / 44.517 \pm 0.897	0.093	87.92%
TeV HSP* / non-TeV HSP*		36 / 151	44.530 \pm 0.725 / 44.341 \pm 0.997	0.163	36.32%
TeV / non-TeV	$\log \nu L_\gamma$	47 / 615	44.232 \pm 0.970 / 44.749 \pm 0.892	0.359	$< 10^{-4}$
TeV / HSP		47 / 286	44.232 \pm 0.970 / 44.400 \pm 0.881	0.241	1.38%
TeV / HSP($\log \nu_p^s \geq 16$)		47 / 121	44.232 \pm 0.970 / 44.292 \pm 0.681	0.217	6.43%
TeV / ISP+LSP		47 / 353	44.232 \pm 0.970 / 44.988 \pm 0.840	0.474	$< 10^{-8}$
TeV HSP / non-TeV HSP		40 / 246	44.262 \pm 0.999 / 44.423 \pm 0.860	0.293	0.37%
TeV HSP* / non-TeV HSP*		36 / 157	44.088 \pm 0.891 / 44.190 \pm 0.969	0.231	6.97%
TeV / non-TeV	α_{RO}	42 / 574	0.275 \pm 0.116 / 0.436 \pm 0.159	0.455	$< 10^{-7}$
TeV / HSP		42 / 272	0.275 \pm 0.116 / 0.328 \pm 0.100	0.252	1.55%
TeV / HSP($\log \nu_p^s \geq 16$)		42 / 115	0.275 \pm 0.116 / 0.326 \pm 0.093	0.268	1.80%
TeV / ISP+LSP		42 / 326	0.275 \pm 0.116 / 0.511 \pm 0.156	0.648	$< 10^{-14}$
TeV HSP / non-TeV HSP		36 / 236	0.269 \pm 0.111 / 0.337 \pm 0.096	0.282	1.06%
TeV / non-TeV	α_{OX}	42 / 477	1.227 \pm 0.333 / 1.280 \pm 0.307	0.152	29.75%
TeV / HSP		42 / 268	1.227 \pm 0.333 / 1.154 \pm 0.293	0.165	24.07%
TeV / ISP+LSP		42 / 236	1.227 \pm 0.333 / 1.426 \pm 0.255	0.364	$< 10^{-4}$
TeV HSP / non-TeV HSP		36 / 232	1.156 \pm 0.289 / 1.154 \pm 0.295	0.081	97.34%

Table 4. Correlations of Fermi HSP BL Lacs.

y	x	samples	N	A	B	r	p
$\log \nu L_\gamma$	$\log \nu L_R$	TeV HSP	36	1.052 ± 0.099	1.087 ± 4.041	0.877	2.31×10^{-12}
		non-TeV HSP	157	0.981 ± 0.047	3.963 ± 1.913	0.861	2.85×10^{-47}
$\log \nu L_\gamma$	$\log \nu L_O$	TeV HSP	25	1.152 ± 0.117	-7.611 ± 5.242	0.899	1.02×10^{-9}
		non-TeV HSP	95	1.069 ± 0.059	-3.926 ± 2.659	0.883	2.89×10^{-32}
$\log \nu L_\gamma$	$\log \nu L_X$	TeV HSP	36	0.869 ± 0.149	5.375 ± 6.633	0.707	1.40×10^{-6}
		non-TeV HSP	151	0.756 ± 0.048	10.638 ± 2.143	0.788	2.95×10^{-33}
$\log F_\gamma$	$\log F_R$	TeV HSP	40	0.752 ± 0.126	-10.794 ± 0.280	0.696	6.00×10^{-7}
		non-TeV HSP	246	0.299 ± 0.045	-10.250 ± 0.076	0.389	2.66×10^{-10}
$\log F_\gamma$	$\log F_O$	TeV HSP	27	0.798 ± 0.113	-9.590 ± 0.109	0.769	2.76×10^{-6}
		non-TeV HSP	131	0.318 ± 0.066	-9.780 ± 0.030	0.392	3.73×10^{-6}
$\log F_\gamma$	$\log F_X$	TeV HSP	40	0.073 ± 0.184	-8.982 ± 0.480	0.064	69.3%
		non-TeV HSP	237	0.054 ± 0.039	-9.585 ± 0.136	0.089	17.4%
$\log F_O$	$\log F_R$	TeV HSP	27	0.744 ± 0.147	-1.076 ± 0.340	0.711	3.19×10^{-5}
		non-TeV HSP	131	0.557 ± 0.071	-1.047 ± 0.116	0.567	1.58×10^{-12}

Note to the Table: Col. (1) gives dependent parameter, Col. (2) independent parameter, Col. (3) samples, Col. (4) number of the sample, Col. (5) slope, Col. (6) intercept, Col. (7) correlation coefficient, Col. (8) chance probability.

4 DISCUSSIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we compiled the multi-wavelength data (α_X^{ph} , F_R , F_O , F_X , F_γ , $\alpha_\gamma^{\text{ph}}$, α_{RO} and α_{OX}) for a sample of 662 BL Lacs from the 3LAC and some other references, calculated the luminosity and averaged values for z , α_X^{ph} , $\alpha_\gamma^{\text{ph}}$, $\log \nu L_R$, $\log \nu L_O$, $\log \nu L_X$, $\log \nu L_\gamma$, α_{RO} and α_{OX} for TeV BLs and the subgroups of BLs, and made some comparisons by using K-S test and correlation analysis. The results are listed in Tables 2–4 and shown in Figs. 1–12.

4.1 Averaged values

TeV BLs and non-TeV BLs: From Tables 2 and 3 and Figs. 1–9, we can see clear difference between TeV BLs and non-TeV BLs in γ -ray photon spectral index (α_γ) with a probability for the two groups to come from the same distribution being $p < 10^{-8}$, that is $p < 10^{-13}$ in redshift (z), $p < 10^{-4}$ in radio luminosity ($\log \nu L_R$) and γ -ray luminosity ($\log \nu L_\gamma$), and $p < 10^{-7}$ in effective radio-optical spectral index (α_{RO}). But there is no clear difference in X-ray photon spectral index (α_X^{ph}), optical luminosity ($\log \nu L_O$), X-ray luminosity ($\log \nu L_X$), or effective optical-X-ray spectral index (α_{OX}) between TeV BLs and non-TeV BLs. The averaged γ -ray photon spectral indexes show that TeV BLs have harder spectrum than non-TeV BLs, the steeper spectrum of non-TeV BLs makes the TeV emissions be below the sensitivity of TeV detectors so that they can not be detected. For the known TeV BLs, their redshift are small, it is possible that the TeV emissions from sources with high redshift maybe absorbed by the cosmic background emissions. Therefore, it is hard to detect TeV emissions from high redshift. For non-TeV BLs, they are strongly beamed in radio and γ -ray bands, so their radio and γ -ray luminosities are higher than those for TeV BLs. Also, the non-TeV BLs in this work, are mainly LBLs and IBLs, they show their synchrotron peak frequencies in the range of infrared to optical bands. Their radio emissions are luminous, which also result in the difference in the effective spectral index, α_{RO} with α_{RO} in non-TeV BLs being larger than that in TeV BLs.

TeV BLs and LBLs/IBLs: The difference between TeV BLs and LBLs/IBLs is clear in $\alpha_\gamma^{\text{ph}}$, z , $\log \nu L_R$, $\log \nu L_O$, $\log \nu L_X$, $\log \nu L_\gamma$, α_{RO} and α_{OX} , but that is not clear in α_X^{ph} ($p = 7.06\%$). For BL Lacs, the X-rays are from synchrotron emissions for HBLs whose peak emissions are in the range of UV/X regions, and the summation of synchrotron emissions and inverse Compton emissions for LBL/IBL (Fan et al. 2012), which result in that there is no clear difference in their X-ray spectral indexes.

TeV BLs and HSP BLs: There is almost no difference between TeV BLs and HSP BLs in $\alpha_\gamma^{\text{ph}}$, α_X^{ph} , $\log \nu L_R$, $\log \nu L_O$, $\log \nu L_X$, or α_{OX} , but there is marginal difference in $\log \nu L_\gamma$ with a $p = 1.38\%$ and in α_{RO} with a $p = 1.55\%$. Therefore, when we only considered the TeV HSP BLs and non-TeV HSP BLs, we found clear difference in redshift (z with $p < 10^{-6}$), marginal difference in γ -ray photon spectral index (α_γ with $p = 2.08\%$) and radio to optical spectral index (α_{RO} with $p = 1.06\%$), and no difference in other parameters between TeV HSP BLs and non-TeV HSP BLs. In those different parameters (z , α_γ , α_{RO}), the averaged values of TeV HSP BLs are lower than those of non-TeV HSP BLs. Does that mean HSP BLs with lower redshift, harder α_γ , and smaller α_{RO} are good candidates for TeV emitters? If so, then we can use α_γ , α_{RO} , and redshift (z) to predict TeV HSP BL Lacs.

From above analyses, we can see clearly that TeV BL Lacs are different from LBLs/IBLs, but are similar to HSP BL Lacs. If we only take HSP BL Lacs into account then we find that TeV HSP BL Lacs are quite similar to non-TeV HSP BL Lacs except for that there is difference in redshift and marginal differences in α_γ and α_{RO} as shown in the lower panel of Fig. 12, which shows $\alpha_{RO} \leq 0.45$ and $\alpha_\gamma \leq 2.03$ for TeV HSP BL Lacs.

Taking only TeV and non-TeV HSP BLs into account, we can see that the flux densities for TeV HSP BLs are averagely higher than non-TeV HSP BLs: It is 2.161 ± 0.536 (TeV HSP) vs 1.613 ± 0.458 (non-TeV HSP) for $\log F_R$; 0.594 ± 0.581 (TeV HSP) vs -0.174 ± 0.422 (non-TeV HSP) for $\log F_O$; -2.564 ± 0.510 (TeV HSP) vs -3.419 ± 0.589 (non-TeV HSP) for $\log F_X$; and -9.169 ± 0.578 (TeV HSP) vs -9.768 ± 0.352 (non-TeV HSP) for $\log F_\gamma$. The difference can also be seen from Fig. 11.

Those differences indicate that TeV HSP BLs tend to have higher fluxes than non-TeV ones. The fluxes of non-TeV HSP BLs maybe very low in TeV band so that they can not be detected, thus more sensitive telescopes are required. As we noted, BL Lacs have rapid and large variations, so the TeV emissions are likely to cycle. Therefore, some TeV sources can not be detected in TeV band sometimes, and a long time TeV monitoring programme can detect more BL Lacs. In addition, the difference of fluxes between TeV HSP BLs and non-TeV HSP BLs could be an other criteria to predict TeV emitter candidates.

4.2 Correlations

From luminosity-luminosity correlation analysis of TeV HSP BL Lacs, we can see that there is a close correlation between γ -ray luminosity and the lower energetic bands. Those correlation coefficients and chance probabilities are: $r = 0.877$ and $p = 2.31 \times 10^{-12}$ for $\log \nu L_\gamma$ vs $\log \nu L_R$, $r = 0.899$ and $p = 1.02 \times 10^{-9}$ for $\log \nu L_\gamma$ vs $\log \nu L_O$, and $r = 0.707$ and $p = 1.40 \times 10^{-6}$ for $\log \nu L_\gamma$ vs $\log \nu L_X$, see Table 4 and Fig. 10. We also found that the relation slopes of correlations for TeV HSP BLs are similar to those for non-TeV HSP BLs, and the $\log \nu L_\gamma$ vs $\log \nu L_R$ correlation is the strongest. The strong γ -ray vs radio correlation was also discussed by other authors (Dondi & Ghisellini 1995; Mücke et al. 1997; Xie et al. 1997; Zhou et al. 1997; Fan et al. 1998, 2012, 2015, 2016; Cheng et al. 2000; Yang & Fan 2005; Giroletti et al. 2010, 2012; Pushkarev et al. 2010; Linford et al. 2011; Yang et al. 2012a,b; 2014; Li et al. 2015).

For luminosity-luminosity correlation, it is known that all luminosities are correlated with redshift (z), therefore luminosity-luminosity correlation maybe caused by the redshift effect (Kendall & Stuart, 1979). In this case, one should remove the redshift effect. To do so, we used the method introduced by Padovani (1992) as did in our previous work (Fan et al. 2013b; 2015). If variables i and j are correlated with a third one k , then the correlation between i and j should exclude the k effect. In this sense, for three variables of i , j and k , if the correlation coefficients of relation between any two variables of them are expressed as r_{ij} , r_{ik} , r_{jk} respectively, and after the correlation coefficient r_{ij} to be excluded the k effect is expressed as $r_{ij,k} = (r_{ij} - r_{ik}r_{jk}) / \sqrt{(1 - r_{ik}^2)(1 - r_{jk}^2)}$. When the method is applied to the correlations between any two luminosities, the correlation coefficients after removing the redshift effect are: For $\log \nu L_\gamma$ vs $\log \nu L_R$, $r_{\gamma R,z} = 0.743$ with a chance probability $p_{\gamma R,z} = 7.17 \times 10^{-7}$ for TeV HSP BLs, and $r_{\gamma R,z} = 0.400$ with $p_{\gamma R,z} = 4.52 \times 10^{-7}$ for non-TeV HSP BLs; For $\log \nu L_\gamma$ vs $\log \nu L_O$, $r_{\gamma O,z} = 0.811$ with $p_{\gamma O,z} = 3.52 \times 10^{-6}$ for TeV HSP BLs, and $r_{\gamma O,z} = 0.375$ with $p_{\gamma O,z} = 3.0 \times 10^{-4}$

for non-TeV HSP BLs; and for $\log \nu L_\gamma$ vs $\log \nu L_X$, $r_{\gamma X,z} = 0.255$ with $p_{\gamma X,z} = 9.3\%$ for TeV HSP BLs, and $r_{\gamma X,z} = 0.085$ with $p_{\gamma X,z} = 15.91\%$ for non-TeV HSP BLs. It is clear that after removing the redshift effect, there is still correlations for $\log \nu L_\gamma$ vs $\log \nu L_R$ and for $\log \nu L_\gamma$ vs $\log \nu L_O$ for TeV HSP BL Lacs, but there is no correlation for $\log \nu L_\gamma$ vs $\log \nu L_X$. The results are consistent with those for flux-flux correlation analysis: namely $r = 0.696$ with $p = 6.00 \times 10^{-7}$ for $\log F_\gamma$ vs $\log F_R$, $r = 0.769$ with $p = 2.76 \times 10^{-6}$ for $\log F_\gamma$ vs $\log F_O$, and $r = 0.064$ with $p = 69.3\%$ for $\log F_\gamma$ vs $\log F_X$. For the non-TeV HSP BLs, results show that the correlation coefficients are less than those in TeV HSP after removing the redshift effect, and all the correlation coefficients are less than 0.4, which is very different from the correlation before removing the redshift effect. The results are also consistent with those for flux-flux correlation analysis: $r = 0.389$ with $p = 2.66 \times 10^{-10}$ for $\log F_\gamma$ vs $\log F_R$, $r = 0.392$ with $p = 3.73 \times 10^{-6}$ for $\log F_\gamma$ vs $\log F_O$, and $r = 0.089$ with $p = 17.4\%$ for $\log F_\gamma$ vs $\log F_X$.

For flux-flux correlations, both TeV HSP BLs and non-TeV HSP BLs show strong correlations in $\log F_\gamma$ vs $\log F_R$, $\log F_\gamma$ vs $\log F_O$, and $\log F_O$ vs $\log F_R$ with chance probabilities being $p < 10^{-4}$. In those flux-flux correlations, the slopes of TeV HSP BLs are steeper than non-TeV HSP BLs, but those intercepts are very close, which suggest that TeV HSP BLs tend to have higher energy photons (Fig. 11). However, for both TeV and non-TeV HSP BLs, no correlation was found between $\log F_\gamma$ and $\log F_X$.

Dondi & Ghisellini (1995) found the correlations between γ -ray luminosity and lower energy bands (including radio, optical and X-ray band) of blazars, and the γ -ray vs radio band correlation still exist even after removing redshift effect. But they did not discuss the correlations of γ -ray vs optical or γ -ray vs X-ray since they think that optical and X-ray emissions are contaminated by other emissions. Our results are consistent with theirs. The correlation between X-ray and γ -ray emissions are obtained by some surveys in a long period of observations or some samples of blazars (Li et al. 2013; Bi et al. 2014; Fraija et al. 2015). For example, Fraija et al. (2015) found a strong correlation between the GeV γ -rays and the optical/hard-X ray emissions for Mrk 421 at the flare in 2013. However, no correlation was found between γ -ray and the X-ray band for PKS 1510-089 during its high activity period from 2008 to 2009 (Abdo et al. 2010c). From our analysis, there is no correlation between γ -ray and X-ray flux suggesting that the γ -ray and X-ray emissions are composed of different emission components even though the X-ray emissions in HSP BL Lac are from synchrotron self-Compton (SSC) process (Fan et al. 2012).

For spectral index correlation, we can see that there is an anti-correlation between α_{OX} and α_{RO} for TeV HSP BL Lacs and non-TeV HSP BL Lacs: $\alpha_{OX} = -(1.445 \pm 0.373) \alpha_{RO} + (1.545 \pm 0.108)$ for 36 TeV HSP BL Lacs with a correlation coefficient $r = -0.554$ and a chance probability $p = 4.59 \times 10^{-4}$, and $\alpha_{OX} = -(1.422 \pm 0.180) \alpha_{RO} + (1.634 \pm 0.063)$ for 232 non-TeV HSP BL Lacs with a correlation coefficient $r = -0.462$ and a chance probability $p = 1.10 \times 10^{-13}$. The corresponding plots are shown in the upper panel of Fig. 12.

4.3 Mechanism

γ -ray emissions are still an interesting topic for blazars, and the Fermi mission has provided us a good opportunity to re-visit the γ -ray mechanism by detecting a lot of blazars (Abdo et al. 2010a, Nolan et al. 2012, Acero et al. 2015; Ackermann et al. 2015). As we discussed in our previous work (Fan et al. 2013a, 2014), the γ -ray emissions is mainly due to soft photons upscattered by Inverse Compton onto relativistic electrons, or to synchrotron emission/pion decay of secondary particles produced in a proton-induced cascade (PIC) (Mannheim & Biermann 1992; Mannheim, 1993; Cheng & Ding 1994). For LBLs, they have low peak synchrotron emissions with $\log \nu_p < 14.0\text{Hz}$ and their inverse Compton emissions peak at $\log \nu_{IC} < 1\text{GeV}$ while for HBLs, they have a synchrotron peak frequency of $\log \nu_p > 15\text{Hz}$ and their inverse Compton emissions peak at $\log \nu_{IC} > 100\text{GeV}$ (Abdo et al. 2009). Therefore, the emissions in the 1~100 GeV region correspond to the inverse-Compton emission tail, which have a soft spectrum for LBLs, and the emissions in the 1~100 GeV region correspond to the inverse-Compton emissions before reaching the peak emissions and have a flat spectrum for HBLs. That is why TeV HSP BLs have flat spectrum (Fan et al. 2012). In this sense, we think that SSC will be responsible for γ -ray

emissions for HBLs and particularly for TeV HSP BLs. Fortunately, the spectral energy distributions of some blazars can be fitted by a one-zone SSC model in some survey (Sambruna et al. 2000; Albert et al. 2007; Aleksić et al. 2015a). Aleksić et al. (2015b) found that the SSC model gives a satisfactory description of the observed multi-wavelength spectral energy distribution for PG 1553+113 during the flare. Zhang et al. (2012) compiled the broadband SEDs data for 24 TeV BL Lac objects and found that these SEDs can be explained well with the SSC model. Abdo et al. (2014) believed the TeV emissions from Mrk 421 are produced by leptonic SSC emissions. After 3 years of observations of Mrk 421, they found that the TeV activity, measured as what is called duty cycle, is consistent with the X-ray activity and therefore favors the SSC emission mechanism. If we use the SSC model to explain the TeV radiation, the HSP BL Lacs, which have high-synchrotron-peaked frequency, will have more probability to produce TeV radiation. Our results of γ -ray and radio correlations obtained by luminosity-luminosity and flux-flux relationships also support an SSC process for γ -rays.

4.4 Conclusion

In this work, we compiled the radio, optical, X-ray and γ -ray data for a sample of 662 Fermi BL Lacs (47 are TeV BL Lacs, and 615 are non-TeV BL Lacs) from 3LAC (Ackermann et al. 2015) and other references, calculated the flux density and luminosity, compared the averaged values and investigated luminosity-luminosity and flux-flux correlations for TeV BL Lacs and subclasses of BL Lacs. Following conclusions have been come to:

- 1) TeV BL Lacs are different from LBLs and IBLs in the distributions of $\alpha_{\gamma}^{\text{ph}}$, z , $\log \nu L_R$, $\log \nu L_O$, $\log \nu L_X$, $\log \nu L_{\gamma}$, α_{RO} and α_{OX} , but not from α_X^{ph} . TeV BL Lacs tend to show similar properties of HSP BL Lacs in $\alpha_{\gamma}^{\text{ph}}$, α_X^{ph} , $\log \nu L_R$, $\log \nu L_O$, $\log \nu L_X$ and α_{OX} , but not in $\log \nu L_{\gamma}$ or α_{RO} ;
- 2) TeV HSP BL Lacs show different distributions of redshift from non-TeV HSP BL Lacs, marginal different distributions in α_{RO} and α_{γ} , but no difference in other parameters. So, HSP BL Lacs with low redshift, α_{RO} , α_{γ} , and high fluxes are good TeV emitter candidates;
- 3) There is a significant correlation between γ -ray and radio bands and between γ -ray and optical bands, but there is no correlation γ -ray and X-ray bands for TeV HSP BLs;
- 4) The γ -ray emissions in HSP BLs are from SSC model.

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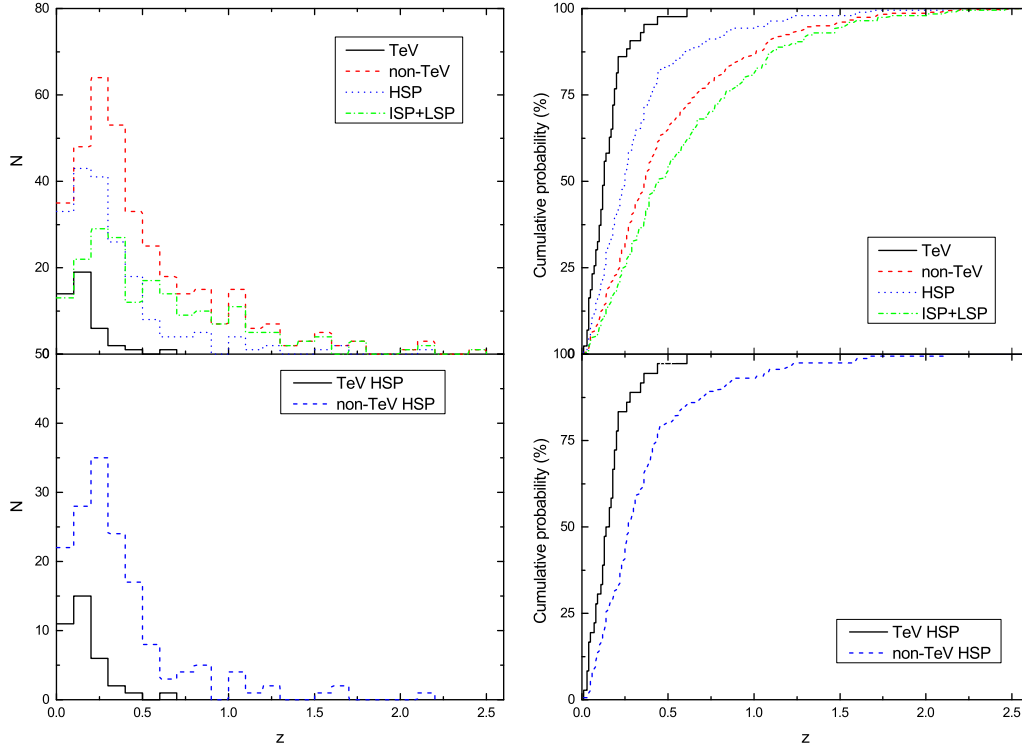


Fig. 1 The distribution of the redshift (left panel) and the accumulative probability (right panel) for the whole sample (upper sub-panel), and for the HSP BL Lacs (lower sub-panel). In the upper sub-panel, both left and right panel, solid line stands for TeV sources, broken line for non-TeV sources, dotted line for HSP, broken-dotted line for ISP+LSP. In the lower sub-panel, both left and right panel, solid line stands for TeV HSP BL Lacs, broken line for non-TeV HSP BL Lacs.

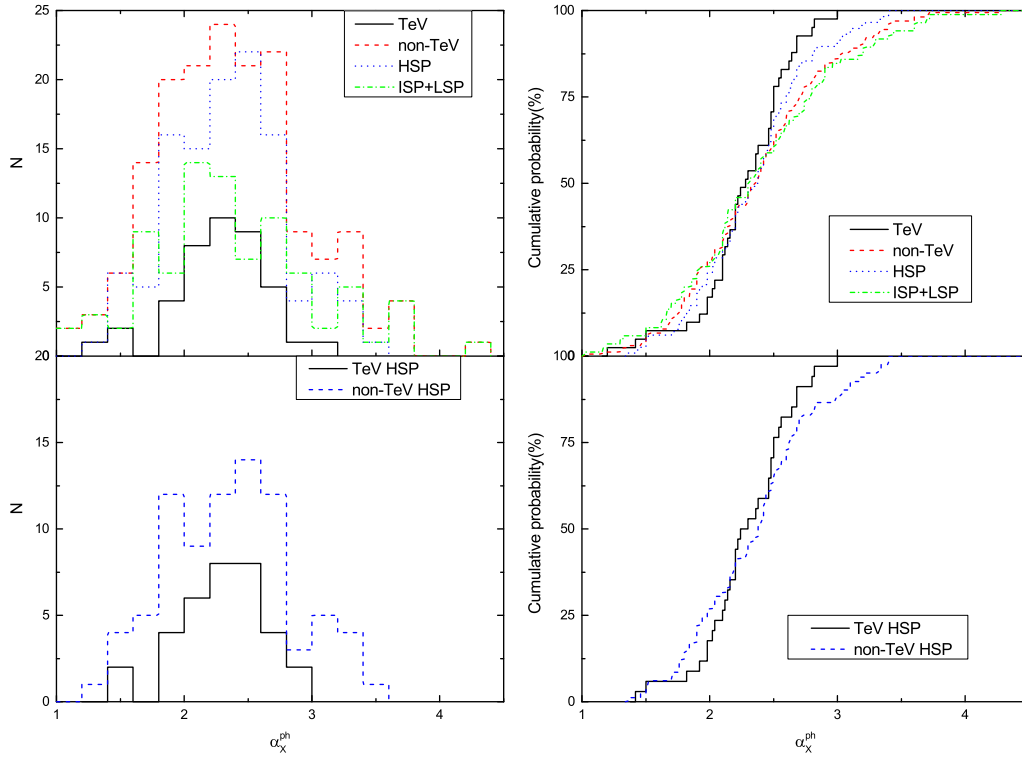


Fig. 2 The distribution of the X-ray photon index (left panel) and the accumulative probability (right panel) for the whole sample (upper sub-panel), and for the HSP BL Lacs (lower sub-panel). In the upper sub-panel, both left and right panel, solid line stands for TeV sources, broken line for non-TeV sources, dotted line for HSP, broken-dotted line for ISP+LSP. In the lower sub-panel, both left and right panel, solid line stands for TeV HSP BL Lacs, broken line for non-TeV HSP BL Lacs.

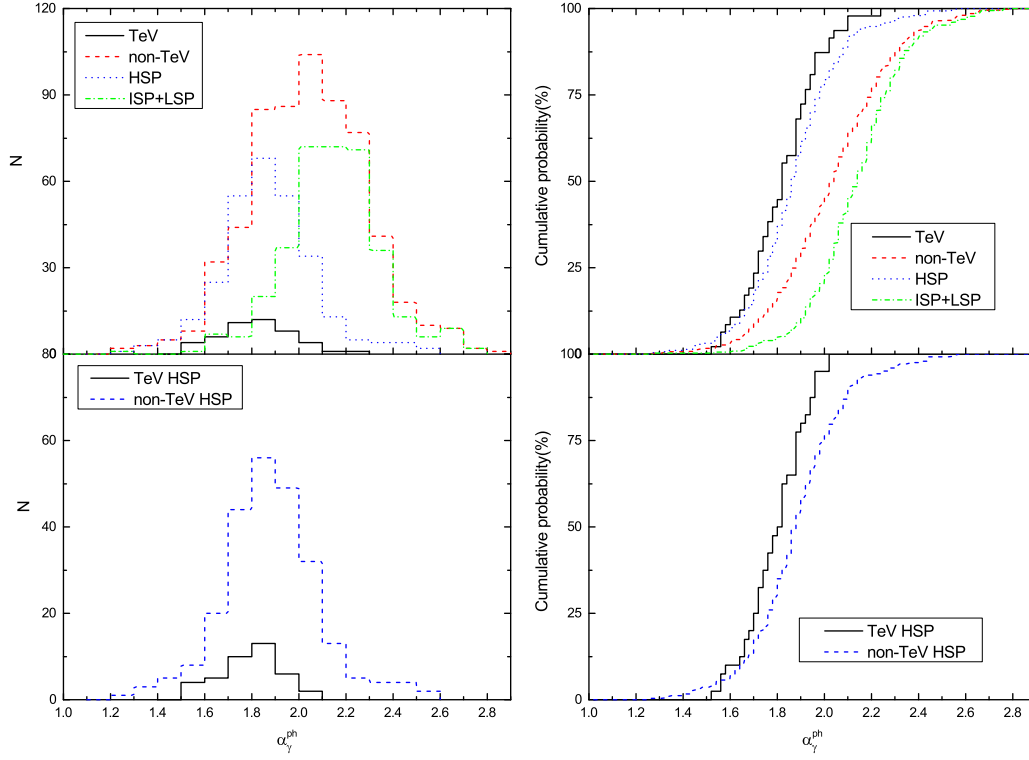


Fig. 3 The distribution of the γ -ray photon index (left panel) and the accumulative probability (right panel) for the whole sample (upper sub-panel), and for the HSP BL Lacs (lower sub-panel). In the upper sub-panel, both left and right panel, solid line stands for TeV sources, broken line for non-TeV sources, dotted line for HSP, broken-dotted line for ISP+LSP. In the lower sub-panel, both left and right panel, solid line stands for TeV HSP BL Lacs, broken line for non-TeV HSP BL Lacs.

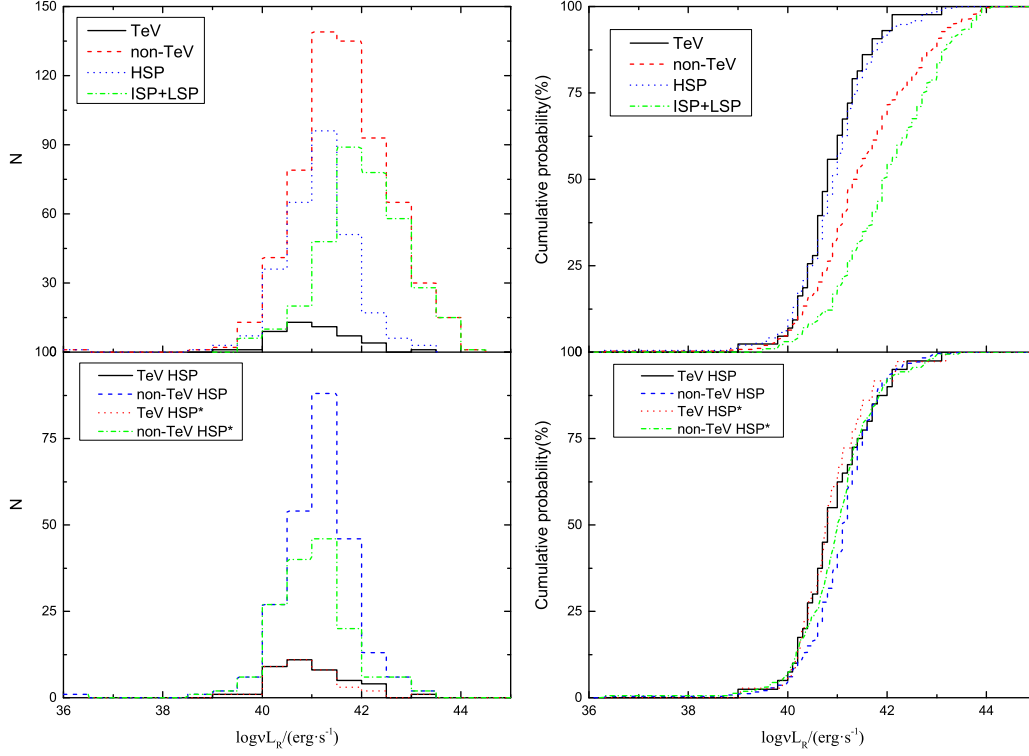


Fig. 4 The distribution of the radio luminosity (left panel) and the accumulative probability (right panel) for the whole sample (upper sub-panel), and for the HSP BL Lacs (lower sub-panel). In the upper sub-panel, both left and right panel, solid line stands for TeV sources, broken line for non-TeV sources, dotted line for HSP, broken-dotted line for ISP+LSP. In the lower sub-panel, both left and right panel, solid line stands for TeV HSP BL Lacs, broken line for non-TeV HSP BL Lacs, dotted line for TeV HSP BL Lacs with redshift, broken-dotted line for non-TeV HSP BL Lacs with redshift.

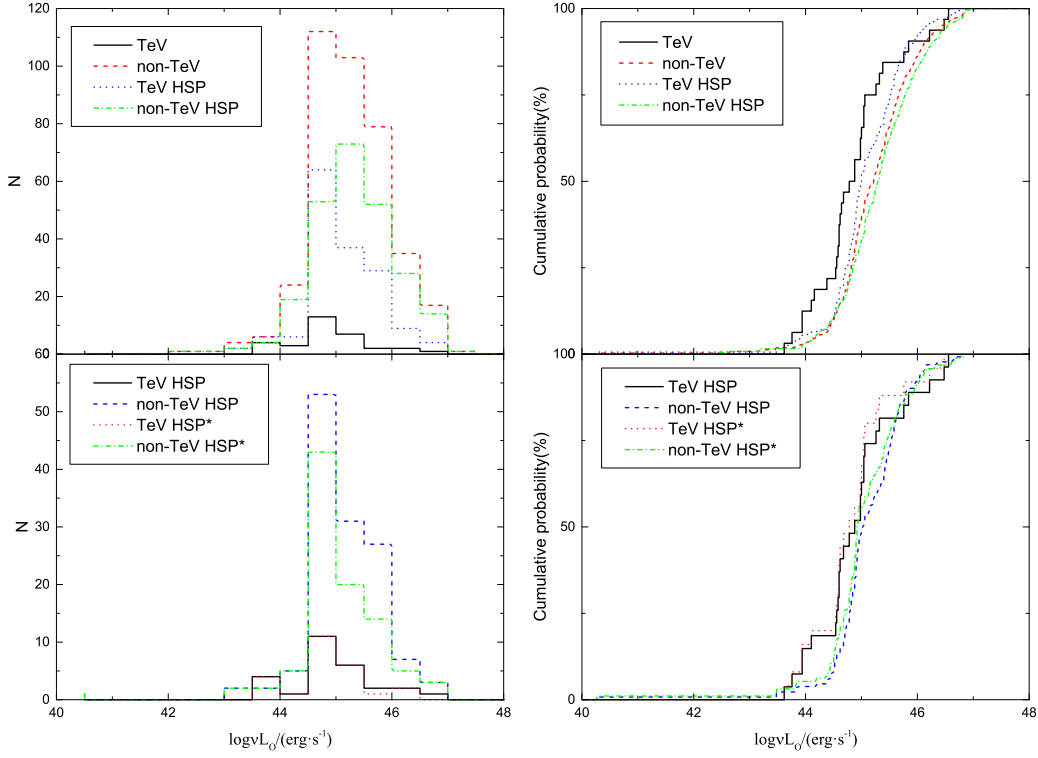


Fig. 5 The distribution of the optical luminosity (left panel) and the accumulative probability (right panel) for the whole sample (upper sub-panel), and for the HSP BL Lacs (lower sub-panel). In the upper sub-panel, both left and right panel, solid line stands for TeV sources, broken line for non-TeV sources, dotted line for HSP, broken-dotted line for ISP+LSP. In the lower sub-panel, both left and right panel, solid line stands for TeV HSP BL Lacs, broken line for non-TeV HSP BL Lacs, broken line for non-TeV HSP BL Lacs, dotted line for TeV HSP BL Lacs with redshift, broken-dotted line for non-TeV HSP BL Lacs with redshift.

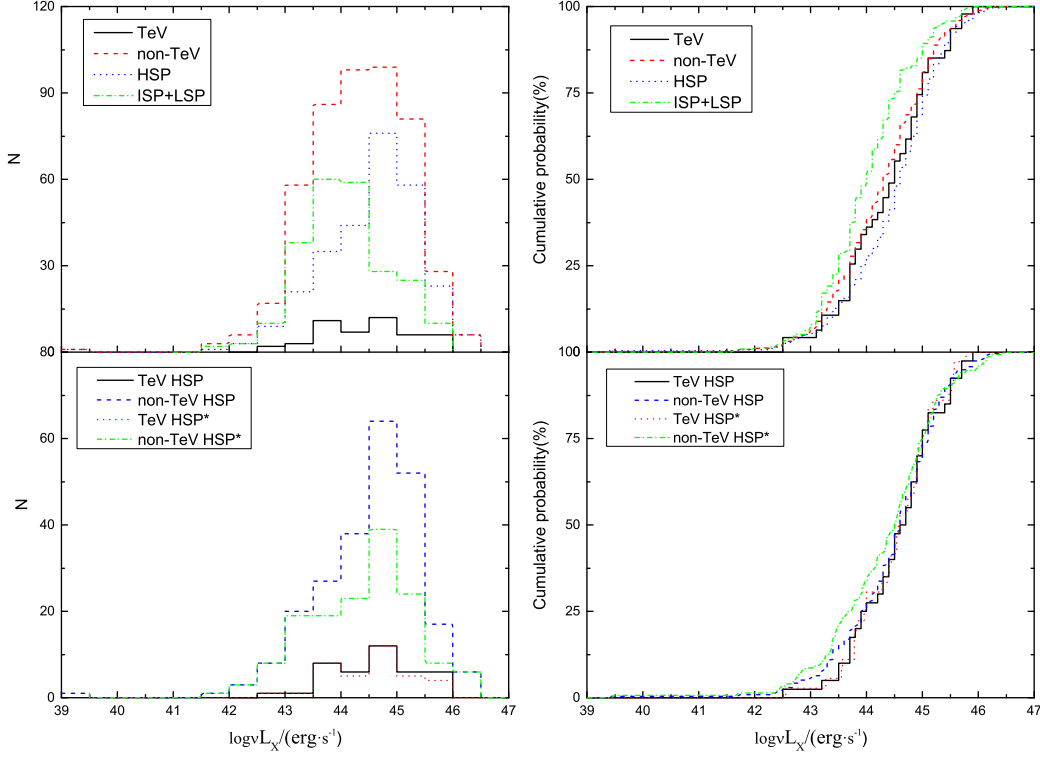


Fig. 6 The distribution of the X-ray luminosity (left panel) and the accumulative probability (right panel) for the whole sample (upper sub-panel), and for the HSP BL Lacs (lower sub-panel). In the upper sub-panel, both left and right panel, solid line stands for TeV sources, broken line for non-TeV sources, dotted line for HSP, broken-dotted line for ISP+LSP. In the lower sub-panel, both left and right panel, solid line stands for TeV HSP BL Lacs, broken line for non-TeV HSP BL Lacs, broken line for non-TeV HSP BL Lacs, dotted line for TeV HSP BL Lacs with redshift, broken-dotted line for non-TeV HSP BL Lacs with redshift.

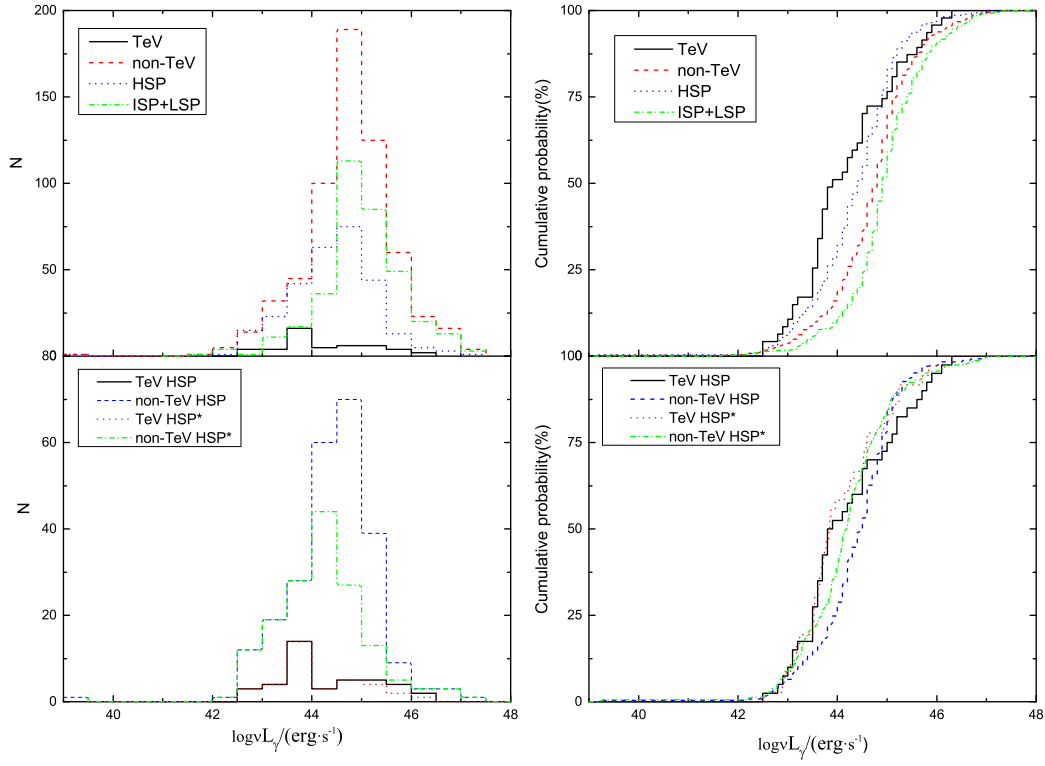


Fig. 7 The distribution of the γ -ray luminosity (left panel) and the accumulative probability (right panel) for the whole sample (upper sub-panel), and for the HSP BL Lacs (lower sub-panel). In the upper sub-panel, both left and right panel, solid line stands for TeV sources, broken line for non-TeV sources, dotted line for HSP, broken-dotted line for ISP+LSP. In the lower sub-panel, both left and right panel, solid line stands for TeV HSP BL Lacs, broken line for non-TeV HSP BL Lacs, broken line for non-TeV HSP BL Lacs, dotted line for TeV HSP BL Lacs with redshift, broken-dotted line for non-TeV HSP BL Lacs with redshift.

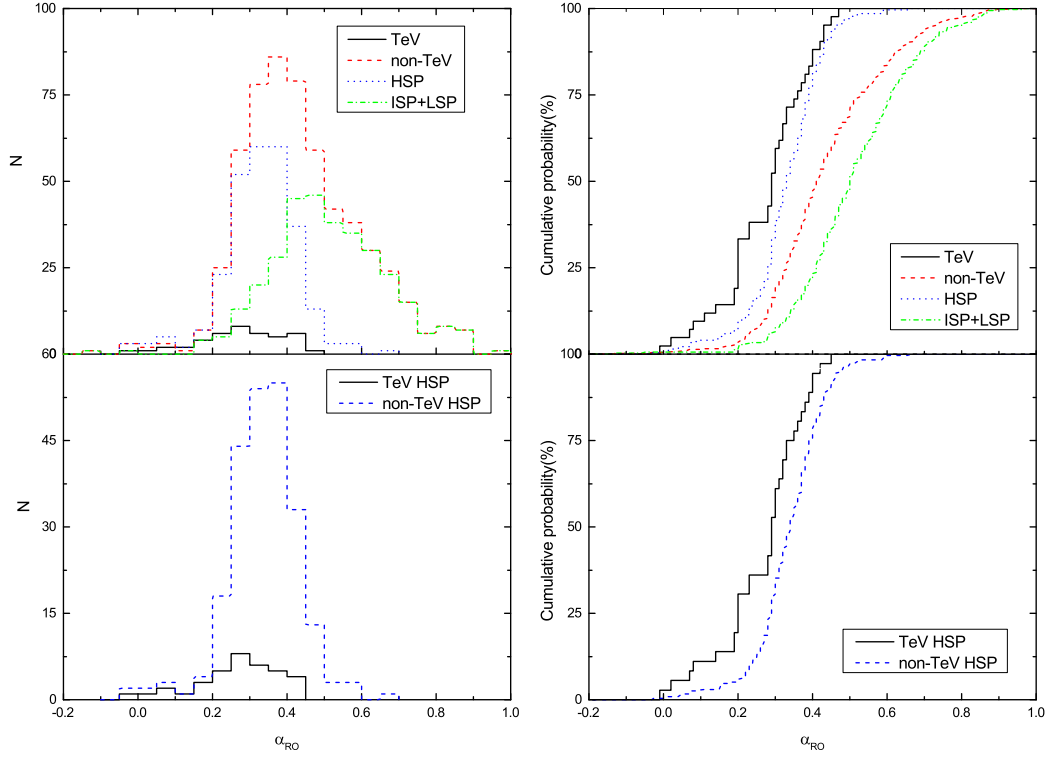


Fig. 8 The distribution of the effective spectral index α_{RO} (left panel) and the accumulative probability (right panel) for the whole sample (upper sub-panel), and for the HSP BL Lacs (lower sub-panel). In the upper sub-panel, both left and right panel, solid line stands for TeV sources, broken line for non-TeV sources, dotted line for HSP, broken-dotted line for ISP+LSP. In the lower sub-panel, both left and right panel, solid line stands for TeV HSP BL Lacs, broken line for non-TeV HSP BL Lacs.

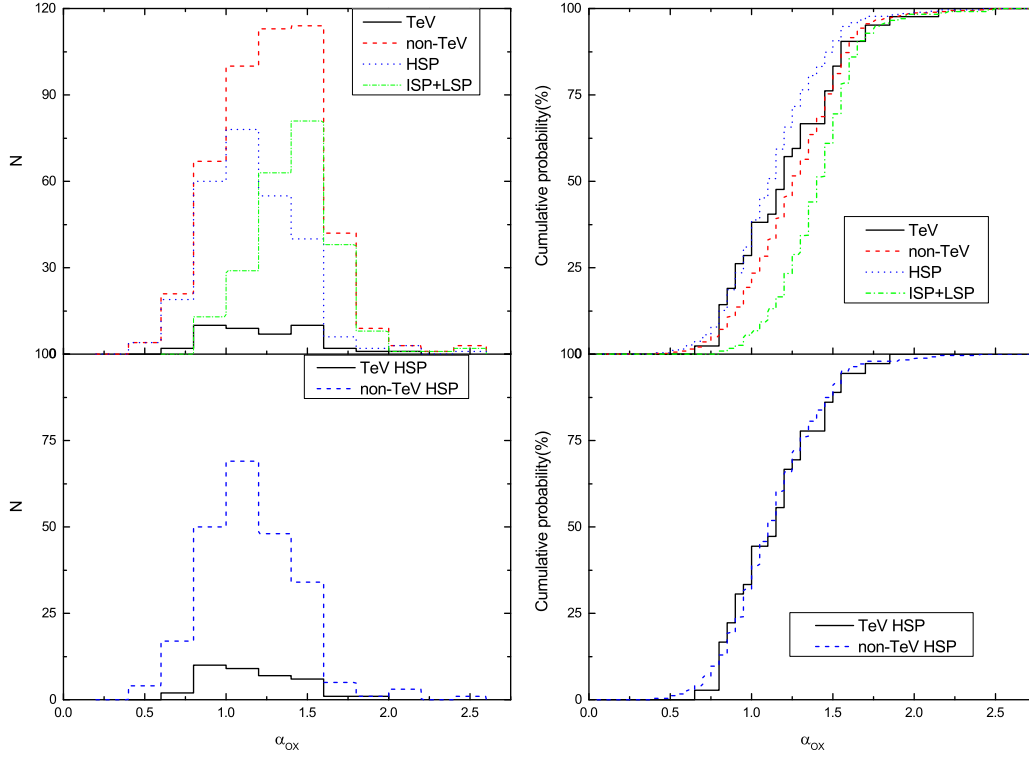


Fig. 9 The distribution of the effective spectral index α_{OX} (left panel) and the accumulative probability (right panel) for the whole sample (upper sub-panel), and for the HSP BL Lacs (lower sub-panel). In the upper sub-panel, both left and right panel, solid line stands for TeV sources, broken line for non-TeV sources, dotted line for HSP, broken-dotted line for ISP+LSP. In the lower sub-panel, both left and right panel, solid line stands for TeV HSP BL Lacs, broken line for non-TeV HSP BL Lacs.

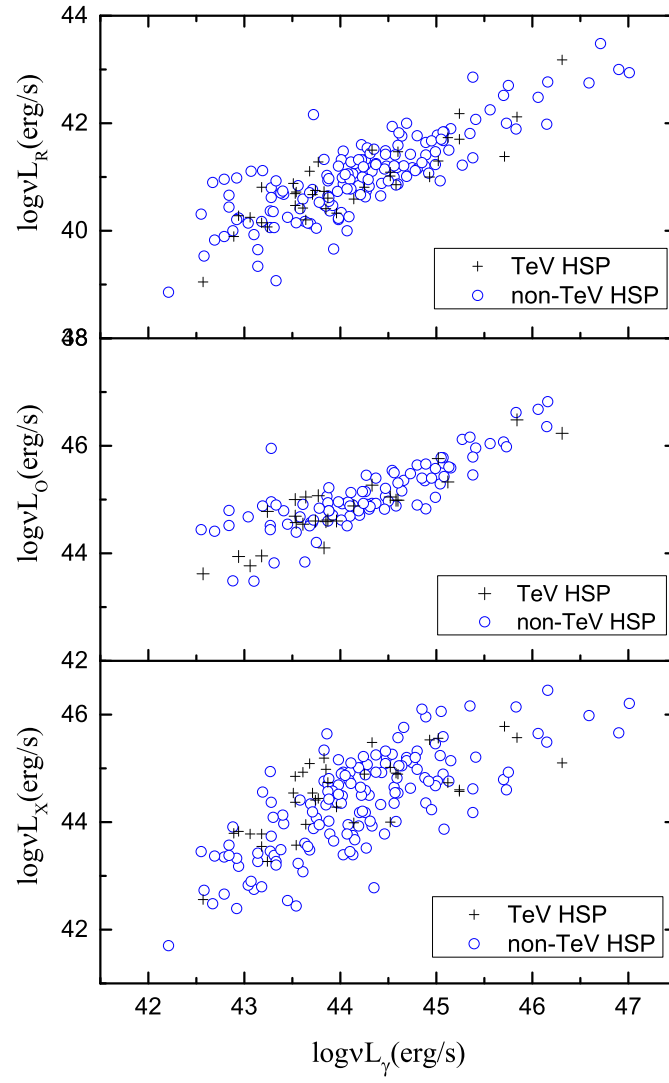


Fig. 10 Plot of the radio (top), optical (median), X-ray (bottom) luminosities against the γ -ray luminosity for HSP BL Lacs. In each panel, the cross symbols stand for the TeV HSP BL Lacs, and the circle symbols stand for the non-TeV HSP BL Lacs.

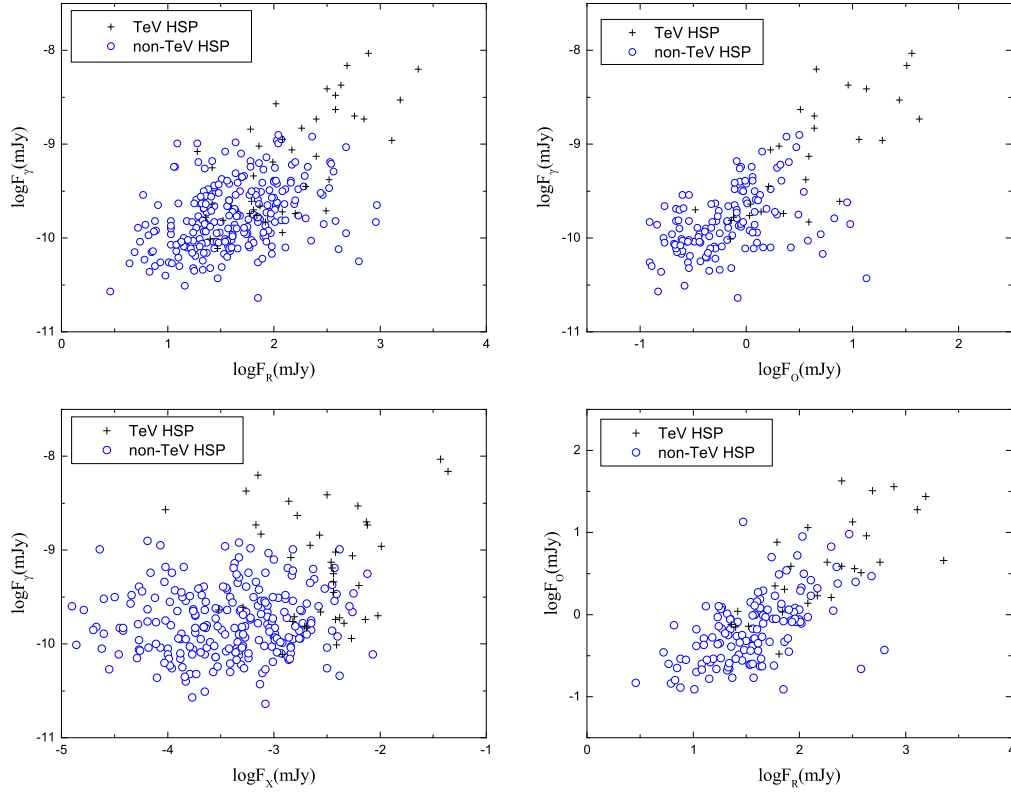


Fig. 11 Plot of the γ -ray flux against the radio flux (left upper panel), the optical flux (right upper panel), and the X-ray flux (left lower panel) for HSP BL Lacs. Plot of the optical flux against the radio flux for HSP BL Lacs in right lower panel. In each panel, the cross symbols stand for the TeV HSP BL Lacs, and the circle symbols stand for the non-TeV HSP BL Lacs.

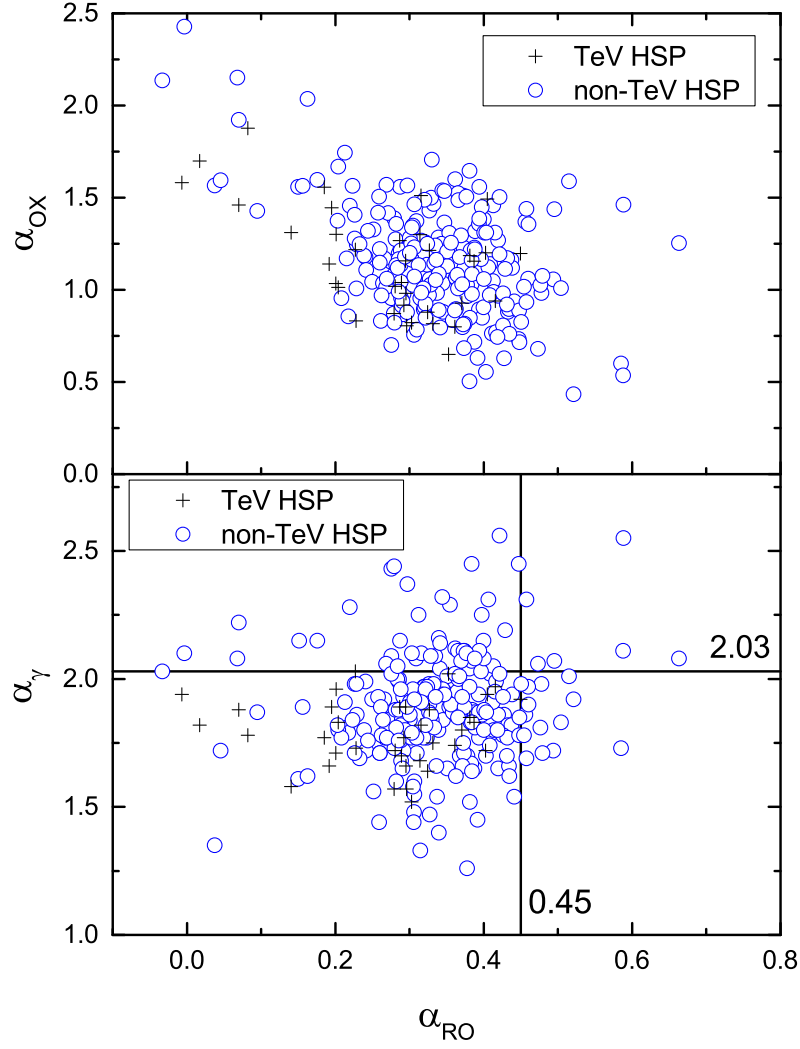


Fig. 12 Plot of the effective spectral index α_{OX} (upper panel) and γ -ray photon index (lower panel) against the effective spectral index α_{RO} for HSP BL Lacs. In each panel, the circle symbols stand for the non-TeV HSP BL Lacs, and the cross symbols stand for the TeV HSP BL Lacs.